Christ Episcopal Church

Columbia, MD

Sunday, September 5, 2021



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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 5, 2021 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
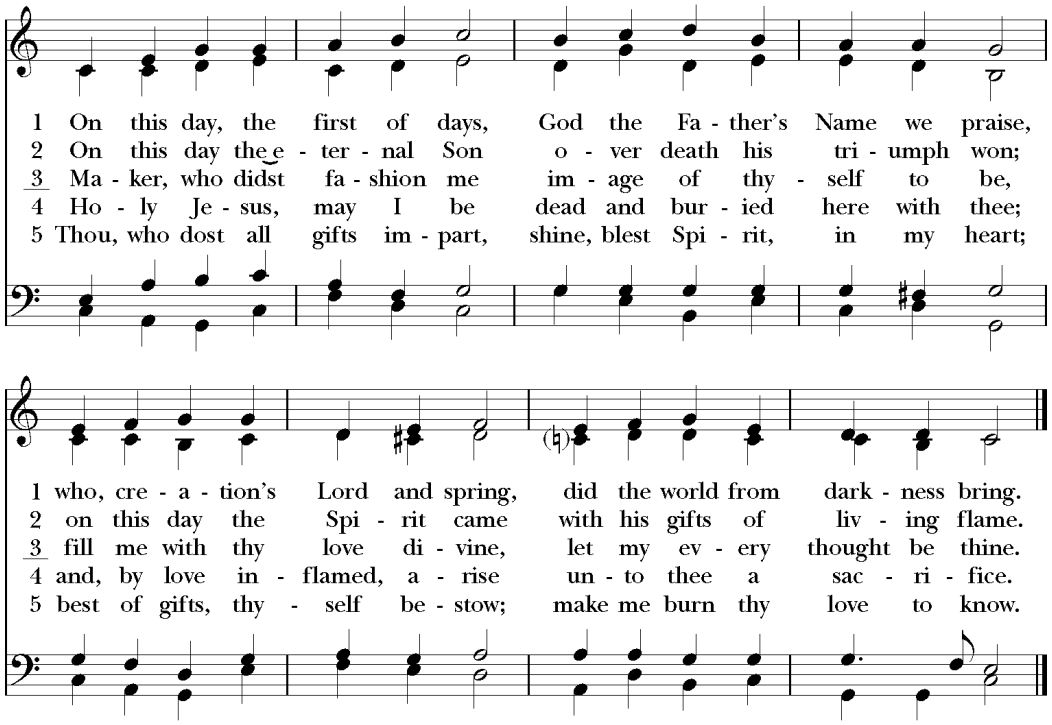
You may stream this service from Christ Church's website, YouTube, or Facebook pages

At the 8:00 a.m. service, all music is omitted.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE — *Prelude au Kyrie* by Jean Langlais

OPENING HYMN - 47 — *Gott sei Dank*



6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
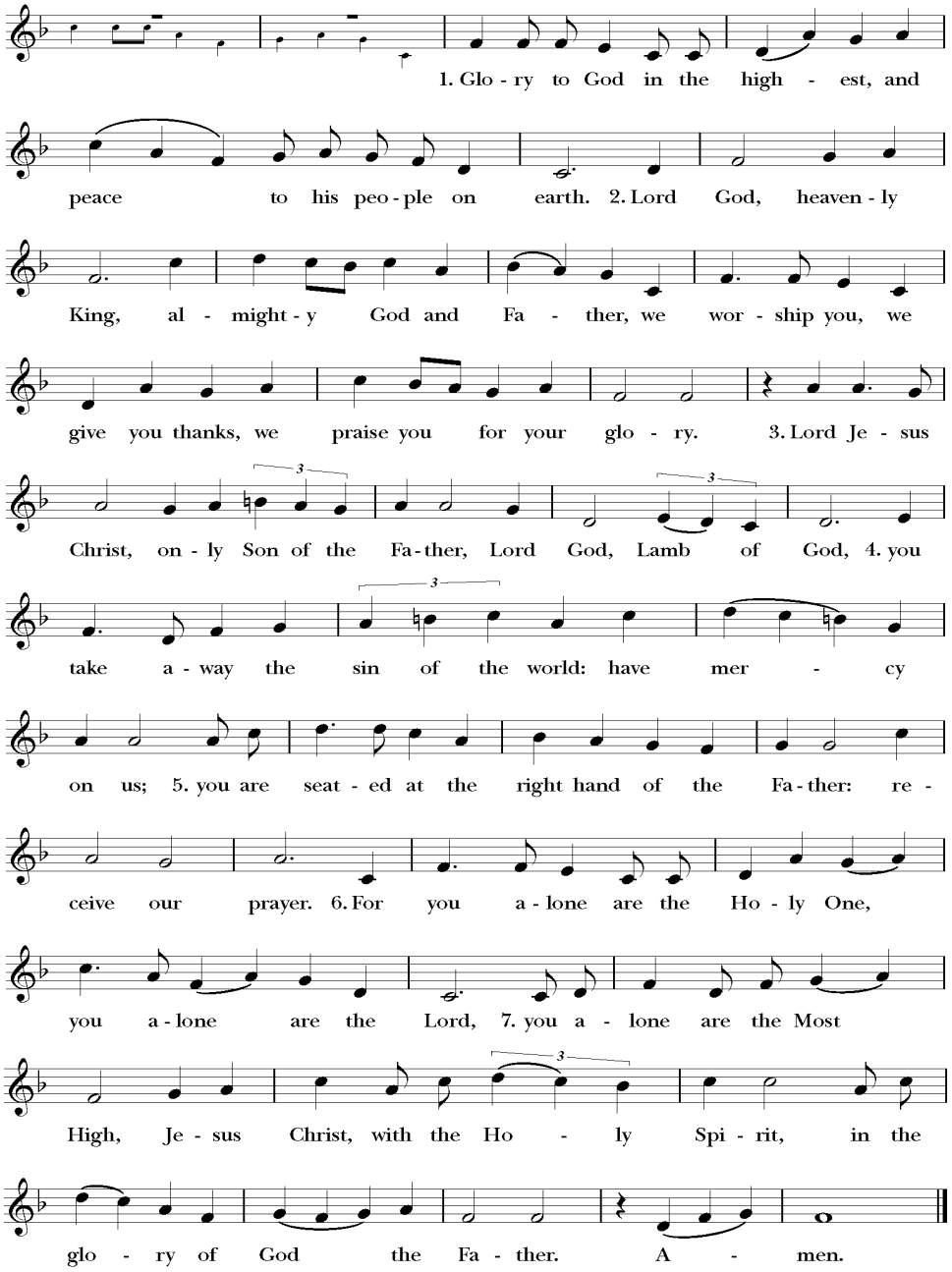
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA Robert Powell (1932-)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON — Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 125 — ***Qui confidunt***

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
**so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

THE EPISTLE — James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
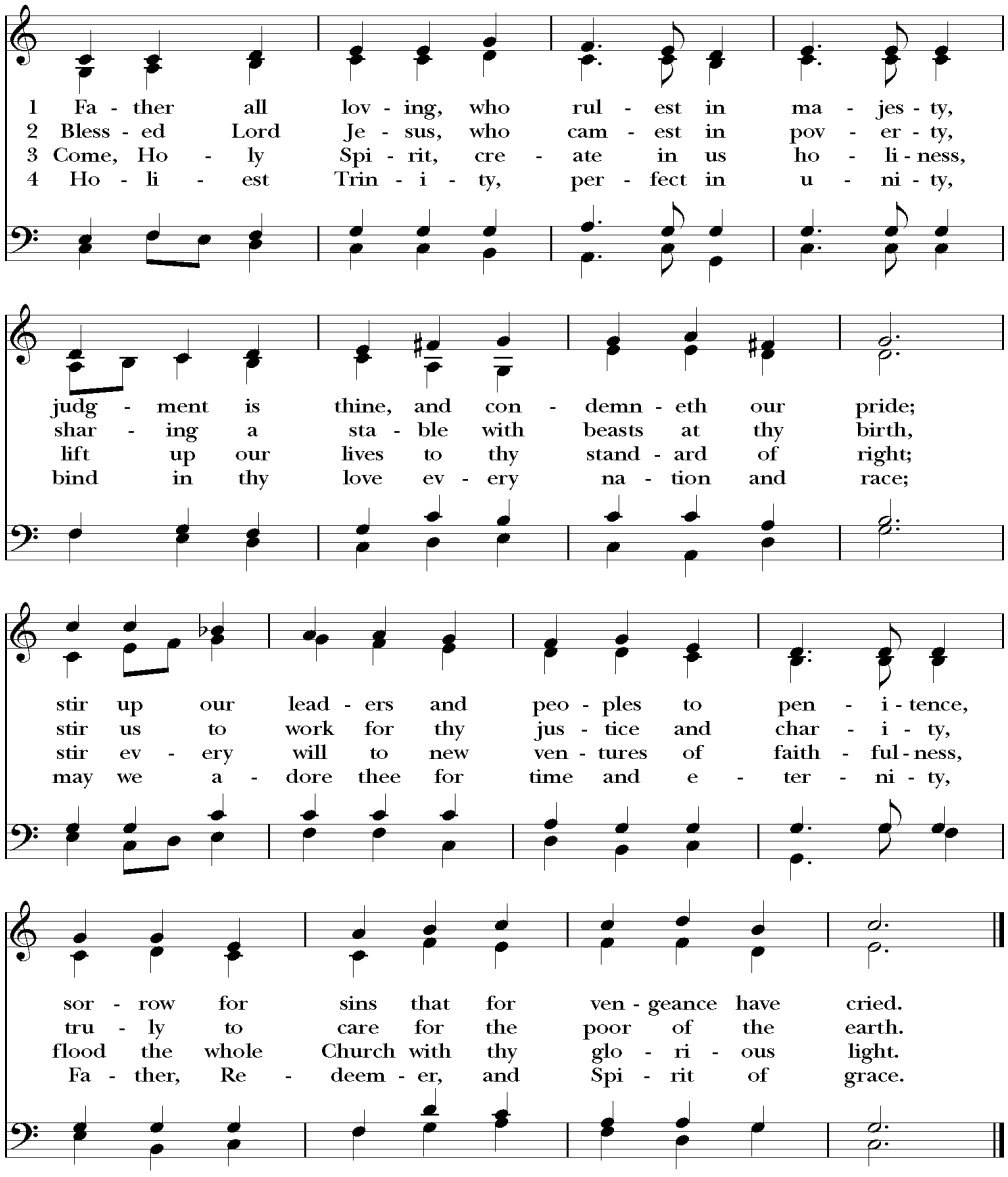
You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN - 568 *Was lebet*



THE GOSPEL — Mark 7:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON — Kathy Lyon

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All: **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our lessons for today, the Book of Proverbs reminds us that we all are God's handiwork. The apostle James expands our concept of faith to include the need to show it through our works, or our faith becomes meaningless. Mark's gospel describes to us how Jesus reaches out to others with his heart and with his healing hands. And so we pray for Your guidance, Lord, that our work in the world may always manifest Your love and light. ***O Lord, we hold fast to You.***

On this Labor Day weekend, we ask Your blessing, Lord, on all whose hands nurture, protect, comfort, feed, clean, plant, heal, transport, rescue, repair, create, build, sign, welcome, and pray. ***Show us Your goodness, O Lord.***

We ask God's grace, wisdom, and fortitude for all elected officials and church leaders: Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene, and Robert. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In the Maryland Diocese, we pray for St Anne's, Annapolis; St Luke's, Eastport, and St. Margaret's, Annapolis. In our own parish, we lift up in prayer our Rector, Manny; our Deacon, Denise; our Rector Emeritus, Richard; and our lay leaders. ***Lord, stand round about Your people.***

We pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer because of war, poverty, injustice, natural disasters, and inadequate health care. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan, the people of Haiti, and the people of Louisiana. We ask Your help in finding ways to reach out in a spirit of peace and caring for the common good of all. We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially Errick, Frantz, Tiffany, Cherryllynn, Tanis, Sam, Farris, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Ana, Theresa, Nell, Victoria, Jim, Roberta, Kathleen, Ashley, Ron & Jeanette and those you now name. May they and their caregivers be surrounded and sustained by Your presence. ***Lord, stand round about Your people.***

We remember our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have entered life eternal, especially James Shields, priest; Lourdes Fernandez Lopez, Somos Amigos volunteer (meal preparer); and those you now name. Hold close those who grieve and lighten their sorrow with Your loving comfort. ***O Lord, we hold fast to You.***

Our parish family welcomes those who are new or visiting with us today. We thank God for your presence here among us and hope you find strength and renewal today through our worship service. Together, we also give thanks for the joys of birthdays especially Jenn, Lynn, Beryl, Pauline, Lee, Charles, Noah, Momodu, Jonathan & Ralph, and wedding anniversaries of Tim & Sherry Beaty, Greta & Marquis Barnes, and Marinda & Momodu Sonii in our congregation. ***O Lord, we praise You and are grateful for these blessings.***

Lord God, You have made us in Your image. We ask for strength of purpose and vision so that our lives may always reflect Your presence in caring for all of Your creation. This we ask in Jesus' name. ***AMEN***.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

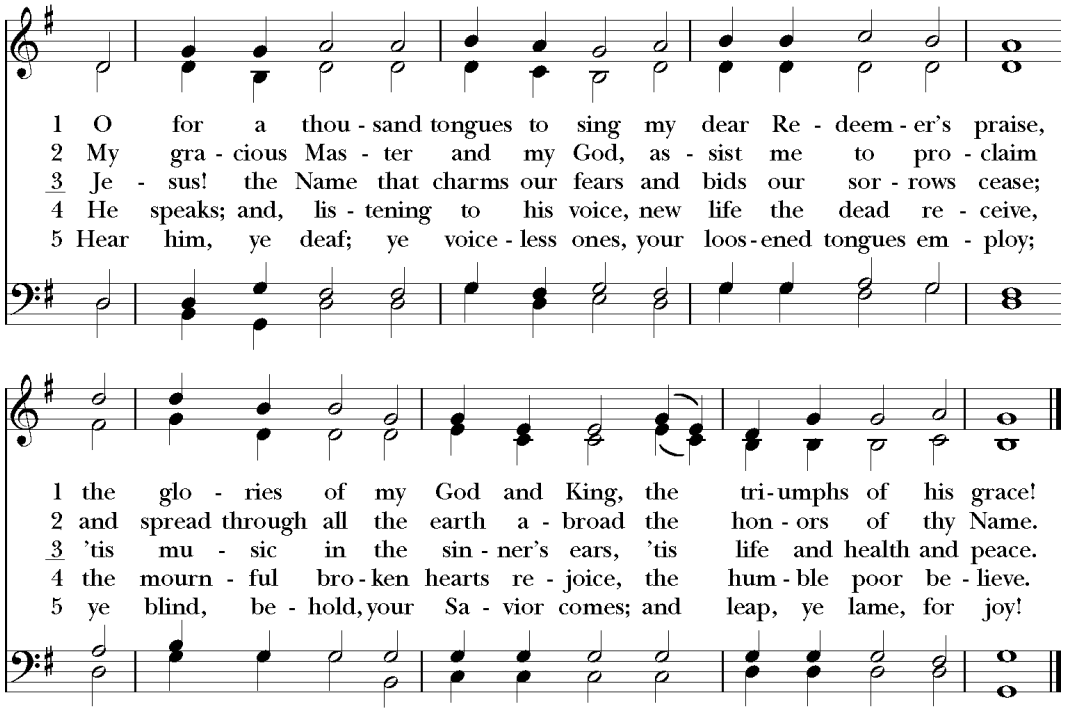
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn - 493

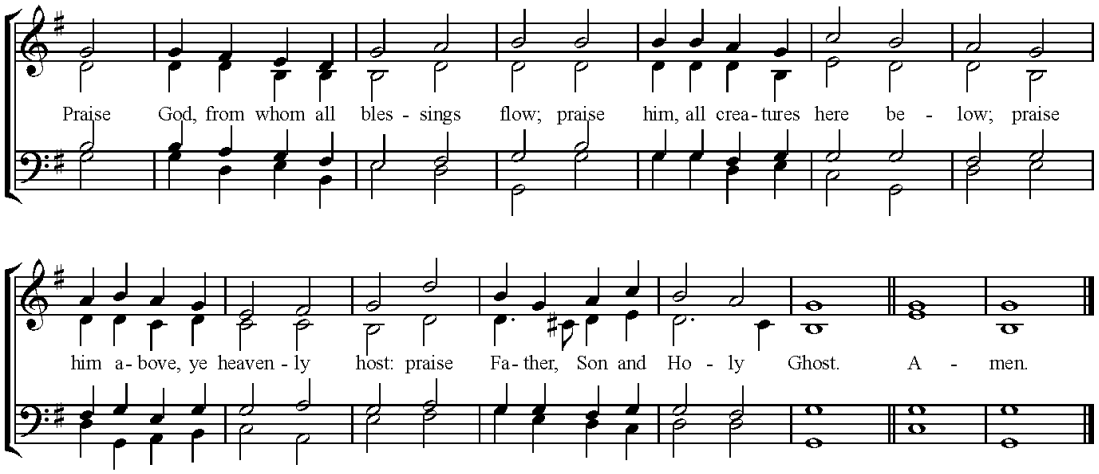
Azmon



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Doxology

Old 100th



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…
…Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

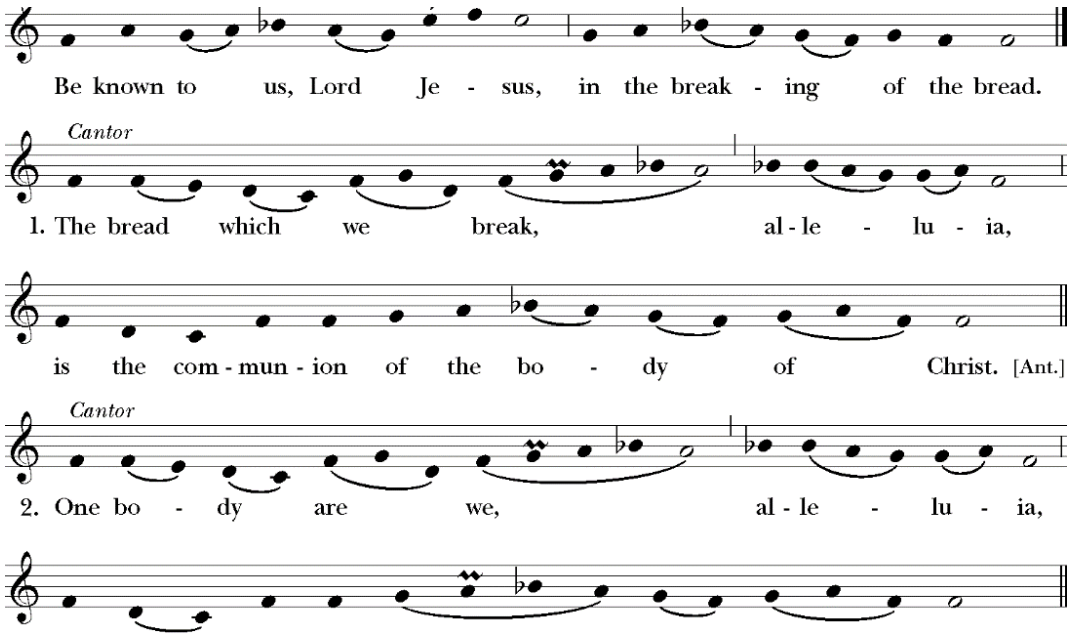
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

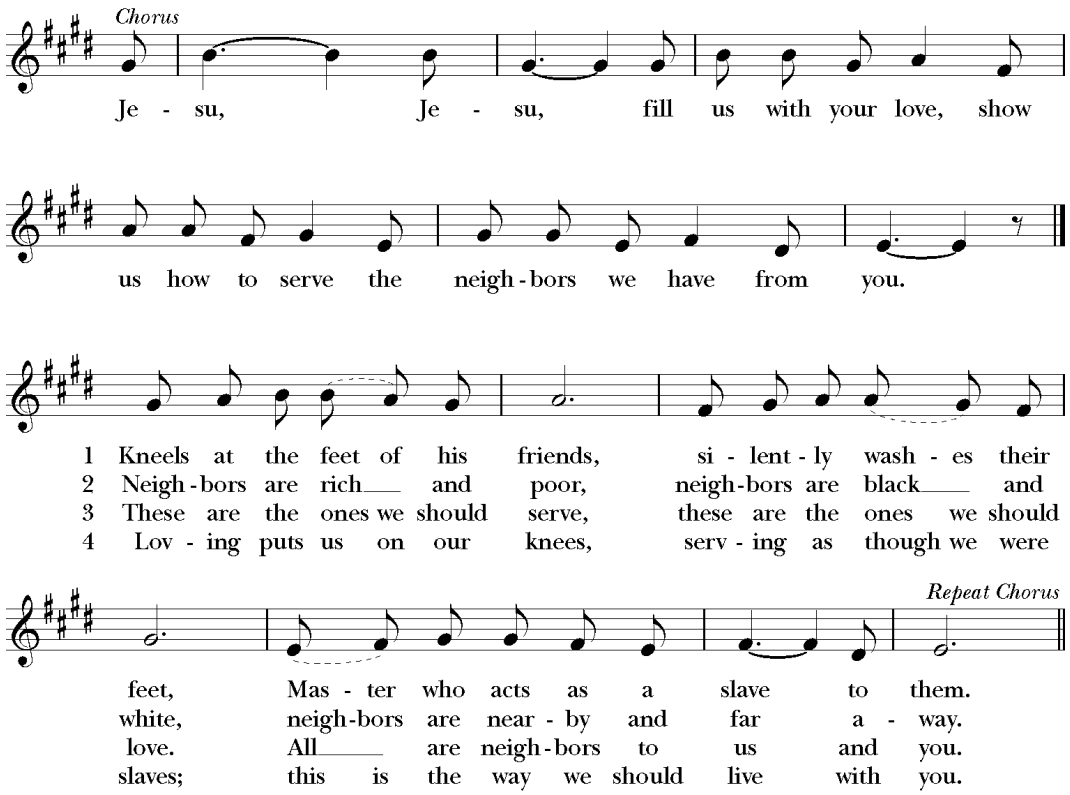
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COMMUNION HYMN - 602

Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
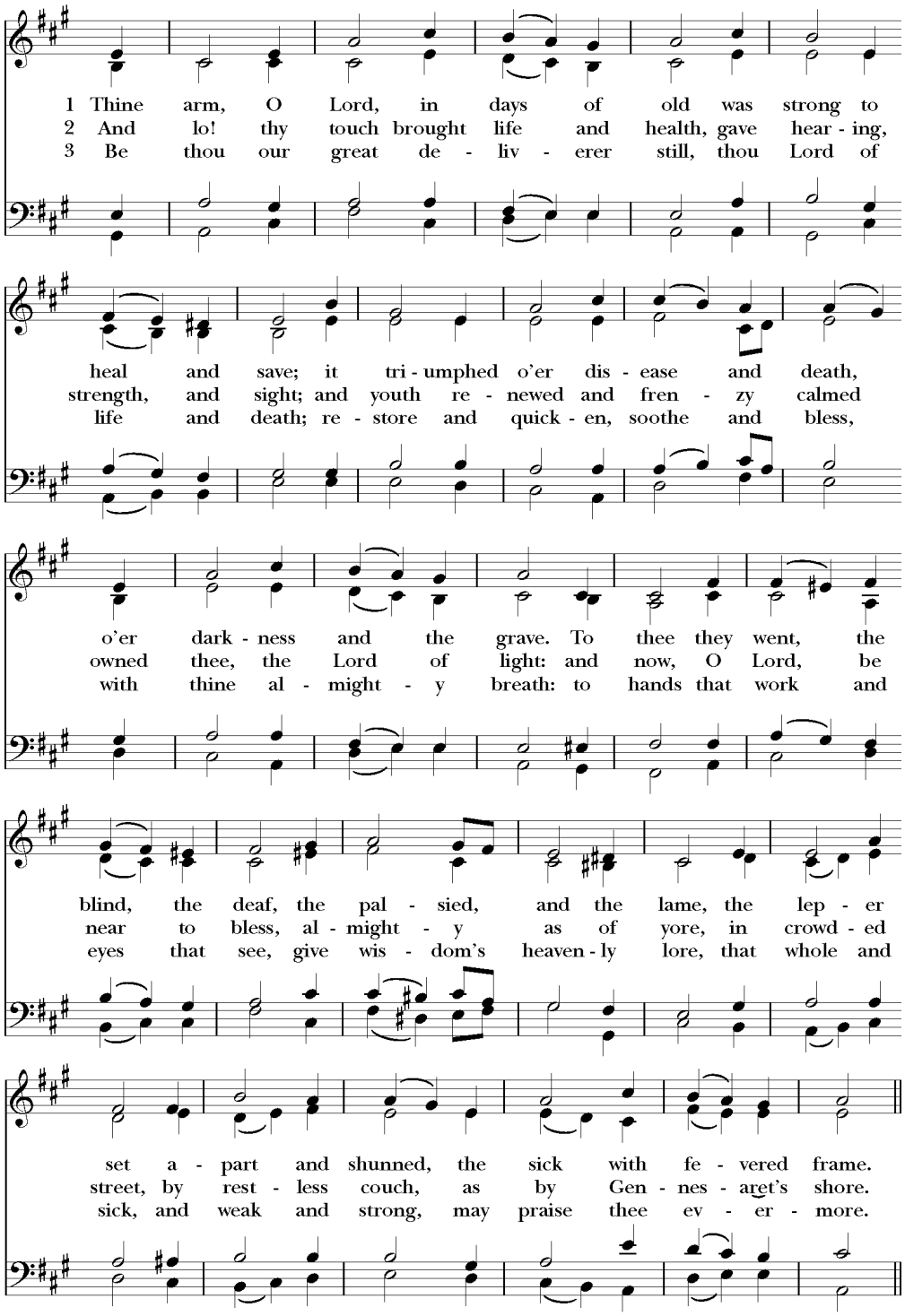
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN - 567 *Engelberg*



DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE - *Verset I, Dan la gloires des Invalides* Marcel Dupre

The Organist for today's 10:30 worship is Ola Oladipupo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pentecost XV at Christ Church | Join us this Sunday morning, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, as we will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m. We'll also livestream the 10:30 service on our Christ Church website, YouTube, and Facebook pages for those who are worshipping remotely. If you'd like to be there in person, just complete the brief attendance form on our website, and please wear your mask at all times while indoors.

Diocese of Maryland's Delta Phase Update | Howard County continues in the Orange Phase at this time, and you can read about those details here. The latest Diocesan message regarding COVID-19 is here. We continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration as conditions warrant. We also continue to welcome your feedback and thoughts via the brief, confidential questionnaire located here, and the latest information, links, and updates are on the Summer Re-Gathering page of our website.

Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioners! | As we all look forward to re-gathering this fall, our plan is to publish a photo or two - along with a few fun facts - of a parishioner &/or their family in each week's Sunday service bulletin. You'll see tour first one this Sunday! This is a unique way for us all to learn a bit about those whom we might not have seen in a very long time, to meet those who might be new to our parish family, and to connect/reconnect with one another. We hope that you'll all take part, so please visit https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2021-parish-family. Thank you!

Bible Study Resumes Next Week | Bible Study resumes for this fall on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us online next Wednesday morning. The Zoom link will be in Monday's *This Week on Zoom* email.

Sunday Circle: Begins Sunday, September 12th | After months of time away from Christian education opportunities, we are excited to welcome back our Adult Formation in-person gatherings! Our new class, "Sunday Circle," begins Sunday, September 12th. Each month is a new theme, each week a different discussion. September's lesson theme is about *Reconnecting and Relationships*. This gathering will be held outside in a circle of chairs from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in between our two services. The inclement weather backup plan will be in Old Brick.

September 12th - Your Relationship with God
September 19th - Your Relationship with Others, family and friends
September 26th - Your Relationship with the Community, outreach and missions

For more information, please contact Jenn Todd Lavanish at jltlavanish@gmail.com or call 706-570-5425

CEC Fall Retreat: Begins Friday, October 1st | It's less than a month away! Once again, we'll gather at the A. Felix duPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. If you're interested please speak with Ellen Hoke or Donna Campagna so they can answer your questions or reserve a space for you. The details are on our website and you can email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com or Donna at donnacam100@gmail.com for more information. The CEC Fall Retreat is a unique and enriching parish gathering that's set in a gorgeous location and is a great opportunity to get acquainted with one another and deepen our faith.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, October 17th | The Christ Church Annual Meeting takes place on Sunday, October 17th, following Holy Eucharist. This year, it will be a hybrid event that can be attended in person or online via Zoom. During this meeting, we will elect several new Vestry members, and the candidates are Tim Beaty, Jan DeBoissierre, Simone Kolnik, Isaac Olajide, Alfred Titus-Glover, and George Toth. More information about these candidates and the meeting will be published on our website in due course.

Donate to the Christ Church Auction: Deadline is October 10th | Time to donate your items for the 32nd Annual Christ Church Auction, by offering gifts ranging from dinners, day trips, vacations, a bottle of wine, handmade artworks... endless possibilities! All CEC Auction donors are asked to use the following link (one form per item): https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2021/donate_items/new and please do so by the deadline of October 10th. The Silent Auction takes place from 7:00 p.m. on October 30th through 3:00 p.m. on November 6th and the Live Auction takes place in New Brick at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th. There will also be a 50/50 drawing available for both the online and in-person portions. This is the Church's major fundraiser for the year and we hope you will all plan on participating; its success depends entirely on each and every one of us! No item is too small, or too large to donate - please start searching your home and log in to the site and donate.

Altar Flowers and Gifts | If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and sign-up sheet online at https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts.

WOCC News | The WOCC's next monthly meeting will take place on Monday, September 13th, at 1:00 pm. The first Monday in September is Labor Day, and so we will have it on the second Monday. Once again, we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign-up on www.Zoom.us. Please go to their site and sign up prior to the meeting. Zoom link is here, meeting ID is 849 8805 1742 and the password is cecWOCC.

Afghan Refugee Ministry | Join us in discerning Christ Church's response to the Afghan refugee crisis. More than 50,000 Afghan refugees are expected to be resettled in the Maryland/Virginia/DC area. Under the guidance of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), an organization that has long-served refugees from around the world, we are embarking on a theological and scriptural-based discernment process to determine how we would like to respond as a congregation to the huge needs of these refugees.

We have two more Refugee Ministry Zoom sessions planned:

Tuesday, September 7th from 6-7:30 p.m.
and Thursday, September 9th from 6-7:00 p.m.

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If you're interested in helping discern the way forward, please check the Monday editions of Christ Church's *This Week on Zoom* email for links and details. While we don't yet have details on specific volunteer opportunities, we are exploring both short-term needs/responses and a long-term, sponsorship-type commitment. Once we go through the discernment process and coordinate further with LIRS, we will have a better idea of how we can specifically meet the needs of those who will be coming to our area.

One very powerful thing we can right do now is to pray. We can pray as individuals, as a congregation, and as a community. In this spirit, LIRS is hosting a virtual Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Monday, August 31st at 4:00 p.m. You can register here to take part in this interfaith community event. If you have questions about this emerging ministry area, please contact Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Thanks to All Whose Donations to Outreach Are Helping the Homeless at the DRC | For a decade, parishioners have been supporting the medical care of our homeless friends served by the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Leola Dorsey Center near Rt. 1 in Jessup. Your donations are making a difference.

Dr. Joseph Gagliardi notified Outreach Commission member Dione Mahoney that after a long hiatus due to the pandemic, he plans to reopen the volunteer medical clinic, on Saturdays only, later this month.

To resume more routine care in the clinic, Dr. Gagliardi requested that Christ Church resupply his medicine cabinet. So earlier this week, Dione went shopping. She turned to parishioners' donations that had been designated for General Outreach, spending $274 to buy over-the-counter medications such as pain relievers, antacids, saline nasal spray, cough drops, allergy medicines, and intestinal and digestive products.

She delivered three large bags of medical supplies for Dr. Gagliardi. "I was able to purchase most of them in the quantities that he requested. Some stores are still having restocking issues, but he will have at least some of everything on his list," Dione wrote.

Dr. Gagliardi sends his personal gratitude to all of our parishioners for their generosity.

During the pandemic, Dr. Gagliardi and others from Grassroots had visited the encampments where homeless people have long been able to set up tents in the corridor along Rt. 1 and I-95, stretching from Laurel to Elkridge. Others live in their vehicles in the same vicinity. All come to the DRC for curbside services.

In pre-pandemic times, the medical clinic was operational on the same days that the DRC served hot meals with the help of congregations that included Christ Church. Grassroots hopes to resume such indoor operations in November.

Besides providing volunteers to serve meals, Christ Church had long supported the clinic and broader medical needs, such as paying for motel stays for friends who were released from the hospital with nowhere to go during their recoveries. In 2015, Dr. Gagliardi thanked the parish in person, delivering the sermon and meeting afterward with church members who are DRC supporters such as Dione, Nancy Winchester, Michon Semon, and George and Shahra Toth.

Please lift up Dr. Gagliardi and his homeless patients in prayer. And thanks to one and all who contributed, making it possible for Christ Church to fill the DRC's medicine cabinet.

You can find a wish list of other items needed by the DRC and by Grassroots' Freetown Road shelter online. It is posted on the Christ Church signup site for the monthly meal that we provide on a dropoff basis for the Freetown shelter residents. Save the dates: Monday, September 20th, and Monday, October 18th, arriving between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. to drop off your dish in the parking lot near Old Brick.

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To further help our neighbors in need, some parishioners take it upon themselves to provide the evening meal for the 50 adults and children at Freetown Road. It's your choice to provide an entree and side dishes, or just the entree. Cook in your own kitchen, or order out. Grassroots encourages an order of 12 pizzas — four with cheese and the rest with meat (any kind), or rotisserie chickens (12 to make a meal) — but discourages lasagna or other pasta entrees. Here is a link to the sign-up list that has openings through October 31st.

Collection Drive Continues to Provide Diapers, Personal Care Items for CCC | At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization Columbia Community Care (CCC) by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays until 2 p.m., but we ask that you call the church office (410) 381-9365 ahead of time.

The CCC sites will be closed the week of Labor Day, from Sunday, September 5th to September 11th. Also, organizers announced changes for fall that include the elimination of Wednesday distribution. The next distribution day after the break will be on Saturday, September 18th. For more information or to volunteer for fall slots, go to CCC's website or to the CCC group on Facebook.

Donate Personal Care and Cleaning Supplies for FISH in its Yellow Bin on our Breezeway | Organizers for FISH of Howard County request household cleaning supplies such as liquid dish soap, bleach, and cleanser as well as personal items such as deodorant, shampoo, and bath soaps. At present, its pantry has an adequate supply of groceries. The bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.



Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioners!

As we all look forward to re-gathering this fall, our plan is to publish a photo or two - along with a few fun facts - of a parishioner &/or their family in each week's Sunday service bulletin. You'll see tour first one this Sunday! This is a unique way for us all to learn a bit about those whom we might not have seen in a very long time, to meet those who might be new to our parish family, and to connect/reconnect with one another. We hope that you'll all take part, so please visit https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2021-parish-family. And special thanks to this week's parishioners, for getting things started!

THIS WEEK'S PARISHIONERS: Sherry and Tim Beaty



SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT THEM:

- Tim is 78 years of age… but he is not allowed to give Sherry's age.

- They joined Christ Episcopal Church in 1972.

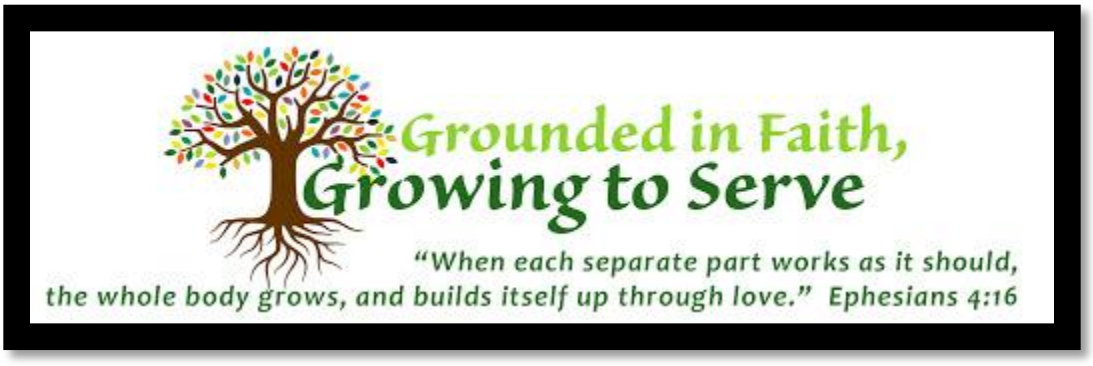
- Sherry has been involved in Choir, Vestry, and was also a Sunday School teacher. She was also honored to have directed ***Old Brick – The Musical*** (which you will soon find on the Christ Church YouTube channel!). Tim has been active in many ministries over the years and is a current Vestry member.

- They are most looking forward to re-gathering to enjoy in-person worship at Christ Church… hopefully in the not-too-distant future!

- Outside of church, they enjoy many hobbies and activities; Sherry is an avid sewist, shopper, and bridge player. Tim loves woodworking, gardening, and model trains.

- The photo in today's bulletin was taken 56 years ago, upon leaving St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Chicago, Illinois on September 4th. That's right – their anniversary is this weekend!

- Sherry and Tim invite you to email them and say "Hello" at tsbeaty@verizon.net



Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Our Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are still quite far from our targeted goal for 2021. We, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider submitting a pledge online. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here or use the Realm form located here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org

Thank you.



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